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February 14, 2017

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai,

As you begin to review nominations for membership to the Federal Communications Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), I ask that you please give full consideration to Brian J. Boisvert, CEO and General Manager for Wilson Communications in Wilson, Kansas.

Having served in various capacities for multiple rural broadband providers over the course of more than three decades, Brian understands the potential that broadband offers to rural communities. As CEO and General Manager of Wilson Communications, he has been a key voice in Kansas and on Capitol Hill in public policy discussions and an advocate for removing barriers to deployment of advanced communication networks in high cost areas.

Like many small rural carriers, Wilson Communication's employees are close to the customers they serve and Brian is no exception. He is a strong member of the community and knows personally the businesses and families that benefit from his company's forward-thinking fiber deployment projects.

I am proud of Brian's leadership in Kansas and believe he will bring a perspective to the BDAC that will serve to further the committee's mission and benefit communities elsewhere in the state and across the country.

Warmest regards,



Pat Roberts
United States Senator



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February 23, 2017

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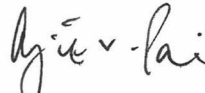
Dear Senator Roberts:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Brian J. Boisvert, CEO and General Manager for Wilson Communications, to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Mr. Boisvert's impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the BDAC.

Last September, I proposed what I called a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, in communities across the country, including rural America. The BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment. Its mission will be to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendations to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai